



City of Rowlett

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, March 10, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Annex Building – 4004 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Council Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Sheffield and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

Council Absent: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz and Councilmember Dana-Bashian

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Gallops called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION

2A. Proclamation recognizing Men & Ladies of Honor/Honor Academy's trip to Africa.

Mayor Pro Tem Gallops presented the proclamation to Daniel Rorie, who will be making the trip.

3. WORK SESSION

3A. Discuss Drainage Utility Fees. (60 minutes)

Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager, reviewed legislation regarding the fees along with historical needs and requirements. He reviewed the allocation of the \$1.3 million in fees currently collected. He discussed goals for a stormwater utility system, the current number of meters in the City – both residential and non-residential, and provided an overview of a sampling average of residential properties for an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) system. He reviewed the ERU based rate structure along with other considerations of a base rate, potential tiered structuring,

credits for stormwater attenuation, costs for actual program, development of an equitable appeals process, and revenue structure policies.

He reviewed the revenue structure policies, including requires exemptions, allowable exemptions, and exemptions with no legal basis.

He reviewed the next steps: thorough analysis of impervious areas, cost of service analysis, complete parcel to utility association for residential property if a tiered structure is desirable, draft a revision to the current ordinance for adoption and implementation, develop process to capture new development as it occurs, engage a public outreach campaign to educate the public on the revisions of the plan, and work towards a 2016 implementation with Council direction.

Council discussion regarding maintaining current rates for residents, this process would be considered "best practices", and possible tiered structure for residents. Staff will provide Council with an update at a future meeting with more information as it relates to residential properties and a more accurate idea of business properties.

- 3B.** Discuss and receive direction from City Council on a proposed ordinance establishing when a property must connect to the City's sanitary sewer system. (30 minutes)

Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, reviewed the background and history of the existing incentive policy and code components that had previously been included in the Building Code.

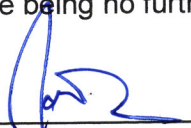
Council discussion regarding personal property mandates, continuation of the incentive program, whether to include the decommission of the septic system in the program, and how many of the current septic users would be interested in participating in the incentive program.

It was the consensus of Council to reinstate the incentive program for new line construction connections and notifying those homeowners who are currently within the 300 foot distance and are feasible for connection.

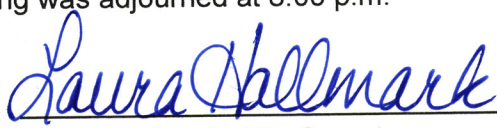
TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: March 17, 2015